

**6026. Misbranding of "Akoz." U. S. \* \* \* v. 1 Box \* \* \* of "Akoz."  
 Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction.  
 (F. & D. No. 8524. I. S. Nos. 1017-p, 1018-p, 1019-p, 1020-p, 1021-p, 1022-p.  
 S. No. E-894.)**

On October 16, 1917, the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel for the seizure and condemnation of one box containing 320 pounds of articles purporting to be drugs and drug compounds designated as "Akoz," consigned on or about August 23, 1917, by the Natura Co., San Francisco, Cal., alleging that the article had been shipped and transported from the State of California into the State of New York, in transit to Bilbao, Spain, and charging misbranding in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, as amended.

The various articles were labeled: "Akoz Ointment," "Akoz Compound," "Akoz Rectal Suppositories," "Akoz Medicinal Mineral Internal," "Akoz Dusting Powder," and "Akoz Plaster." (On labels:) "Akoz Ointment—A Natural Remedy for Skin Diseases, Eczema, Barbers Itch, Scalp Diseases, Hemorrhoids \* \* \*" "Akoz Rectal Suppositories—Hemorrhoids, Fistules, Inflammations, Ulcerations \* \* \*." "Akoz Powder—A Natural Remedy for Stomach Troubles, Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Kidney Troubles, Rheumatism." "Akoz Dusting Powder—A Natural Remedy for Skin Diseases, Acne, Eczema, Poison Oak, Pruritus, Chronic Ulcers." "Akoz Plaster—For Rheumatism, Neuritis, Neuralgia, Pain in Back, and Congestion." "Akoz Compound—A Natural Remedy for Rheumatism \* \* \* Neuralgia." (On circular:) "After the curative virtues of Akoz for rheumatism, stomach, kidney, bladder, and liver troubles, eczema, catarrh, piles, ulcers, and numerous other ailments had been fully established \* \* \*. The Akoz treatment for all stomach troubles has been thoroughly tried out and positively proved effective \* \* \* if one suffering from stomach troubles will take the Akoz treatment faithfully for not less than one month, he can be assured of marked improvement, and another month usually gives complete relief. \* \* \* Bowel, liver, and bladder troubles are treated in the same manner as recommended for stomach troubles. \* \* \* Rheumatism \* \* \* Gout, sciatica and lumbago, \* \* \* neuralgia and neuritis. \* \* \* Akoz has proven most effective in the treatment of diabettes [diabetes], Bright's disease, and congestion of the kidneys \* \* \* adema and ascites \* \* \* Pyorrhea and Toothache \* \* \* Catarrh of nose and throat \* \* \* catarrh, cystitis, inflammation of bladder and frequent urination. \* \* \* The Akoz treatment is undeniably a most effective remedy for various skin diseases, whether epidermal in character or due to impurities in the blood. The most common skin diseases are eczema, pimples (acne), scalp rashes, barber's itch, ringworm, and bites and stings of insects \* \* \* ulcers, chronic and varicose \* \* \* poison oak, poison ivy. \* \* \* Hemorrhoids (Piles), Internal, External, and Bleeding \* \* \* Pruritis (Itching) \* \* \* Enlarged Prostate Gland \* \* \* Ulcers and Inflammation of rectum \* \* \* all rectal diseases \* \* \* Tonsillitis. \* \* \* It will build up the skin, give a good complexion and better color, and heighten the vitality."

Misbranding of the articles was alleged in substance in the libel for the reason that the statements borne on the labels thereof and included in the circular accompanying the articles, as to the curative qualities thereof, were false and fraudulent in that the articles contained no ingredient or combination of ingredients capable of producing any of the therapeutic effects claimed for them on the labels and circular.

On December 15, 1917, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product should be destroyed by the United States marshal.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*